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GENEVA FOR USIS; PARIS FOR USIS; MOSCOW FOR P & C;
PARIS ALSO FOR OECD FERNANDEZ; MILDENHALL FOR PAO.
SUBJECT: DAILY MEDIA REACTION REPORT
LONDON NEWSPAPER SUMMARY FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 1983.
FIRST ADD DE RUFHUKI #0413M X X X FROM THE FRENCH.
AP AND REUTER IN WASHINGTON:
THE UNITED STATES ADMITTED YESTERDAY THAT ARMY INTELLIGENCE
OFFICERS HELPED A GESTAPO CHIEF, **KLAUS BARBIE**, TO FLEE TO
BOLIVIA AND ESCAPE PROSECUTION AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR.
A NOTE WAS SENT TO PARIS AFTER THE HEAD OF AN OFFICIAL
INVESTIGATION INTO U S INVOLVEMENT WITH BARBIE CALLED ON THE

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U S GOVERNMENT EXPRESS REGRETS TO FRANCE.
MR ALLAN RYAN, WHO LED THE FIVE-MONTH JUSTICE DEPARTMENT INVESTIGATION, SAID THAT THE U S ARMY'S SHIELDING OF BARBIE AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR ALLOWED HIM TO EVADE FRENCH JUSTICE FOR 33 YEARS.

RICHARD BEESTON, TELEGRAPH CORRESPONDENT IN WASHINGTON:
THE AMERICAN STATEMENT IS SEEN AS AN APOLOGY FOR THE ROLE PLAYED BY U S INTELLIGENCE IN FRUSTRATING FOR 33 YEARS FRANCE'S EFFORTS TO BRING BARBIE TO JUSTICE.

THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SAID, HOWEVER, THAT THE DECISION TO RECRUIT BARBIE TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON COMMUNISTS IN EUROPE WAS "NEITHER CYNICAL NOR CORRUPT," AND NOTED THAT FRANCE, BRITAIN AND RUSSIA, MADE SIMILAR USE OF EX-NAZIS.
THE STATEMENT SAID THAT ARMY DOCUMENTS SHOWED THAT BARBIE AT ONE TIME BECAME VERY EAGER TO WORK FOR BRITISH INTELLIGENCE IN EUROPE AND IN 1947 HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY A SUSPECT BRITISH AGENT.

FINANCIAL TIMES' FRONT-PAGE MARGIN:

THE U.S. APOLOGIZED TO FRANCE FOR HELPING LYONS GESTAPO CHIEF **KLAUS BARBIE** FLEE TO BOLIVIA AND ESCAPE PROSECUTION AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

CHAD:

TIMES' FOREIGN STAFF:

PRESIDENT HISSNE HABRE SAID YESTERDAY THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAS HAD CONTACTS WITH LIBYA IN SEARCH OF A PEACEFUL END TO CHAD'S CIVIL WAR, BUT HE REJECTED TALKS WITH THE LIBYAN-BACKED REBEL LEADER, MR GOUKOUNI OUEDDEI.

"WE HAVE EVEN KNOCKED ON TRIPOLI'S DOOR TO TRY TO FIND A PEACEFUL SOLUTION," HE TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE. HE DECLINED TO ELABORATE AND THERE WAS NO INDICATION WHERE OR AT WHAT LEVEL THE CONTACTS TOOK PLACE.

BUT IT WAS THE FIRST OFFICIAL REFERENCE TO PEACE FEELERS TOWARDS LIBYA, WHICH BACKS FORMER PRESIDENT GOUKOUNI AND IS BLAMED BY HABRE FOR REVIVING CHAD'S 17-YEAR CIVIL WAR.

PAUL WEBSTER, GUARDIAN CORRESPONDENT IN PARIS:

SERIOUS DIFFERENCES OF OPINION BETWEEN PRESIDENT MITTERRAND AND PRESIDENT REAGAN ABOUT THE CRISIS IN CHAD ARE BEING REVEALED IN PARIS WHERE AN OPINION POLL HAS SHOWN THAT MOST PEOPLE ARE AGAINST THE FRENCH MILITARY INTERVENTION.

OFFICIALS HERE ARE INDICATING THAT PRESIDENT MITTERRAND IS IRRITATED BY A STREAM OF MESSAGES FROM PRESIDENT REAGAN PRESSING HIM TO TURN THE CHAD CIVIL WAR INTO A CAMPAIGN AGAINST COLONEL GADAFY OF LIBYA. THE FRENCH LEADER BITTERLY RESENTS AMERICAN ATTEMPTS TO PLAY UP "COOPERATION" BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES, AND HE HAS REFUSED TO REPLY TO MANY OF THE MESSAGES FROM MR REAGAN.

LAST NIGHT, INFORMED SOURCES SAID THAT A PERSONAL FRIEND OF PRESIDENT MITTERRAND, THE LAWYER, MR ROLAND DUMAS, HAD TALKS ON CHAD IN TRIPOLI ON MONDAY WITH COLONEL GADAFY. THE SOURCES SAID THAT THE TWO MEN REVIEWED POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO THE LATEST FIGHTING IN THE 18-YEAR-OLD CIVIL WAR, BUT THEY HAD NO DETAILS OF THE TALKS.
AS AN INDICATION OF THE STATE OF AFFAIRS, OFFICIALS POINT OUT THAT THERE IS LITTLE TO NO EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON EFFORTS TO AID CHAD. THE AMERICANS GIVE THE FRENCH NO INFORMATION ON WHAT WEAPONS THEY ARE SENDING TO THE GOVERNMENT FORCES OF MR HABRE. THESE ARE DESPATCHED MAINLY THROUGH EGYPT AND THE SUDAN. MR MITTERRAND APPARENTLY LEARNED OF THE DESPATCH OF AWACS SURVEILLANCE PLANS TO SUDAN

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